Reviewer's report

Title: Isolated radial head dislocation A rare and easily missed injury in the presence of major distracting injuries - A case report

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Reviewer: Nancy Dudek

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Comments to authors:

General

Although well written, I think this report is describing an injury that has already been reported on in the literature. It is an unusual injury but the authors have not convinced me that their case adds to what is already published in the literature. For example, the physical exam findings are not unique. They are consistent with how this injury has been previously described. Also, their second point about the importance of a secondary survey in trauma patients is definitely true but again it is not a new concept.

Revisions necessary for publication

I do not think that this report is appropriate for publication. However, if the editors do choose to publish it I would suggest that the number of radiographs be decreased. In particular, the pelvic x-ray is not necessary for this report which is focused on the radial head dislocation.

What next?: Reject

Quality of written English: Acceptable